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International Filing Date :	§	Title of Invention : Inset Acetabular Reamer
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicant encloses the references set forth in the attached modified form PTO/SB/O8A. No inference should be made that the cited references are in fact material, are in fact prior art, or that no better art exists. The cited patents are listed in numerical order and not in any order based on their pertinence.

It is requested that the Examiner fully consider the cited references and that they be cited on the front of any patent issuing from this application.

Copies of the cited references are attached.

Statement of Relevance of Foreign Patent Document :

German patent application No DE 19532898 – Artificial acetabular cup for hip joint

The artificial acetabular cup is so constructed that its resting or normal diameter can be altered under the action of force acting on the cup. The diameter can be enlarged or reduced. The enlargement or reduction is achieved by having the inner and outer surfaces (13,14) of the cup formed from relatively stiff shell segments (10-12) which are connected to each other so as to form a sprung construction. When the cup is inserted into the implanted position there is a gap (17) between neighbouring shell segments. The segments are connected to each other by a sprung bridge (15).

International patent application No WO 0176490 – Medical device for positioning objects


The invention concerns a medical device for positioning objects in real time relative to an organ based on planning for surgical procedure. More precisely, it concerns a medical device for positioning objects which are placed at the end of an articulated arm.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has further questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at phone 011-4122-747-7849 or fax at 011-4122-346-8960, e-mail bugnion@bugnion.ch

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